

A meeting of the **HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE** for January 2021 was held tonight via zoom conference. Members in attendance were: Commissioner Irv Brockington, Liza Meiris and Wendy Blutstein. Staff present: Charlyn Battle, Director of Human Resources, Officer David Sparango, Cheltenham Township Police. Guests present: Wendy Rosenfeld, Cheltenham Communities that Care and Sam Seplow.

1. Mr. Brockington called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. Mr. Brockington then read the following statement condemning the Insurrection at the Capitol Building on January 6, 2021:

“The Human Relations Committee condemns all the individuals who instigated, participated in or agreed with yesterday’s violent attempt to take over our US Capitol.”

2. The Meeting Minutes for December 3, 2020 were accepted, contingent upon making the corrections brought forth by the committee in regards to the Take Me Home Program.
3. A Presentation was given by Wendy Rosenfeld regarding Cheltenham Communities that Care:

Ms. Rosenfeld provided an overview of the Cheltenham Communities that Care Program and her role as the Community Mobilizer. This program was started by Dr. David Haskin and Dr. Richard Castellano from the University of Washington. Communities That Care (CTC) is a risk-focused Community Based program that identifies the different risks for adolescents, such as drugs, violence, gangs, peer pressure, academic failure and family conflict. They may not be able to eliminate the risk, but they use protective factors to reduce the risk through community mobilization and planning. They operate under the auspices of SAMSHA and work with a coalition of twelve different organizations and community programs, such as Aldersgate, PAL, Triple P and RAMP.

Ms. Blutstein asked how to get students involved. Ms. Rosenfeld said that she makes contact with the principals and uses fliers.

Ms. Meiris asked if they work with students that suffer from drug abuse issues. Ms. Rosenfeld stated that they do not have any direct service for drug abuse; however they can refer them to different services, as this is more of a prevention program. Ms. Meiris also asked if they have anyone on the committee who has had experience with drug issues. Officer Sparango stated that Ms. Rosenfeld works with Aldersgate and they have direct services.

Mr. Brockington asked if this program is restricted to Cheltenham residents and about the relationship between the CTC and our Police Department. Ms. Rosenfeld said they serve Cheltenham and West Oak Lane and she met Officer Sparango when they worked with PAL. Officer Sparango said that the Police worked with CTC on PSA videos that targeted parents around graduation and prom time and our recess program at Elkins Park School.

4. Follow up on the HUB program flier approval:

Officer Sparango provided a brief update on the HUB Program. Ms. Meiris shared the flier that she created for HUB. Officer Sparango said the flier was done well; however he did make a few tweaks. Ms. Blutstein said the flier should include a phone number.

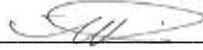
5. Follow up on the name change of the Human Relations Committee:

Mr. Brockington asked if everyone still wanted to change the name of this Committee and the decision was made to table the discussion on this item.

6. Open Discussion

- a. Ms. Blutstein stated that the Glenside Fire House has not removed the swastika yet. Mr. Brockington said he spoke with the Fire Marshal and told him if they were not able to remove the swastika yet, it should be covered.
- b. Mr. Brockington asked if the Human Relations Committee still wanted to meet monthly. Ms. Meiris said yes, because there is always work to be done.

- c. Ms. Meiris asked if the Township was planning to put out a statement regarding the events that took place yesterday at the Capitol Building. Mr. Brockington said he sent an email to Board President Dan Norris, asking him to put out a written statement on behalf of the Township.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Robert Zienkowski
Township Manager

Per Charlyn Battle